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IPC - General

21 April 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: ADP Organization in CIA

1. At the 18 April 1969 meeting of the Information Processing Coordinators one of the items on the agenda was to "continue our discussion of the future role of the several Directorates in ADP." The subject came up at the IPC meeting on 1 April which [redacted] attended in my absence and is discussed at some length in his memorandum to me dated 1 April.

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2. The question comes up because of the way systems are evolving. DDI/CRS has, or is developing, a time sharing system and there are time sharing systems operational in DDS&T/OCS. Large multi-purpose files exist in both systems and the same customers will use both systems. Eventually it may be that the same people will want access to files in DDP/RID as well as CRS and OCS. If the files in the different components are each manipulated by using different software packages it would be twice as complicated for the customer to use two systems and three times as complicated for him to use three. A single software system is also needed to handle both batch and interactive requirements. Briggs said that OCS is trying to build this capability into [redacted] but they haven't gotten there yet.

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3. Briggs and [redacted] agreed that a single approach to the development of operating systems software would be desirable. [redacted] suggested that someone from the Information Processing Staff/OPPB might do the study. They agreed that [redacted] from OCS and someone from CRS would begin looking at some of these problems. Probably [redacted] [redacted] would be added to the group to represent IPS/OPPB but [redacted] suggested that the group be chaired by [redacted] plans to write a paper raising some of these problems in the form of issues for consideration before the study group gets started.

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